

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

VISIT WITH HIS DIVINE HOLINESS
HARIPRASAD SWAMIJI MAHARAJ
AT THE JAIN TEMPLE OF CHI-
CAGO ON AUGUST 12TH

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor His Divine Holiness Hariprasad Swamiji Maharaj, spiritual leader and founder of the Yogi Divine Society—a Hindu spiritual and humanitarian charitable organization—as he makes a historic visit to Yogi Divine Society members and devotees across North America.

The Yogi Divine Society is a global not for profit organization founded in 1974 that encourages all races, religions, and genders to lead enriched and harmonious lives. With over 500 educational and cultural centers worldwide, the Yogi Divine Society is devoted to working on issues like the environment, youth development, spiritual education, and health care.

His Divine Holiness Hariprasad Swamiji Maharaj has dedicated his life to the principle of Atmiyata (Spiritual Affinity with one and all). He became a Sadhu (religious devotee) in 1965 and was made diksha (being appointed saint) by his spiritual educator Guruhari Yogiji Maharaj. His drive for global harmony led him to found the Yogi Divine Society. Through his work, his Holiness strives to promote humanity, peace, and understanding amongst the people of the world.

Every time I visit the volunteers and members of the Yogi Divine Society, I am reminded of the incredible virtues that the Society promotes not only to Americans but to people around the world. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to support their work and their devotion to creating a more welcoming and understanding world.

I honor His Divine Holiness Hariprasad Swamiji Maharaj, the spiritual leader and founder of the Yogi Divine Society, as he visits the Jain Temple of Metropolitan Chicago on August 12th.

HONORING ROBERT “IAN” MALONEY

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight Robert “Ian” Maloney, a May 2017 graduate of Georgetown Preparatory School and a newly accepted member of the Brown University class of 2021. Last year, I had the great pleasure of speaking at Georgetown Preparatory School about

the call to serve and to give back to the community.

I accepted the invitation to speak at that school because Ian reached out and asked me to do so. Ian is a remarkable young man whom I have known since his birth. Ian was President of the Black Student Association. He is also a member of the National Honor Society and a National Hispanic Scholar, and he is passionate about serving others and giving back. He is committed to social justice and drawing attention to the scourge of homelessness.

Ian asked me to speak at Georgetown Preparatory School because he had made a promise to the school's Headmaster, Mr. Jeff Jones. Mr. Jones was the school's first African-American Headmaster and Interim President, and a leader who fostered diversity. At the time that Ian requested that I speak, Mr. Jones was awaiting a heart transplant at Cedars-Sinai Hospital in my Congressional District. Sadly, Mr. Jones would die two months after I spoke. However, several days before he had passed, he called to wish Ian continuing success in his studies and called on him to carry the torch and to continue to serve others.

Mr. Speaker, Ian wishes to honor the call and the memory of his Headmaster, Mr. Jeff Jones. Ian is a very special young man, and I wish him success in his academic endeavors. I truly believe that he has a very bright future ahead and that he will continue to give back to his community and make a positive difference in the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on July 28, 2017 I missed a series of Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted “YEA” on Nos. 436, 437, and 438.

IN HONOR OF JOHN CHRISTOPHER LAMONICA

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to commemorate the life of Mr. John Christopher LaMonica.

Mr. LaMonica's career in broadcast journalism is a catalogue of the major events of 20th century history. From Central Asia to the Middle East to Southern Africa; from the secret nuclear cities of Siberia to New Orleans

during Hurricane Katrina; he used facts to tell stories with moral truths.

Originally from Rye, New York, Mr. LaMonica attended Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. In 1979, he became an Adjunct Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He cut his teeth as a consultant for Henry Kissinger and became a newsman with Ted Koppel, working for decades as an investigative producer for ABC News Nightline. In 2006 he took the legacy of journalism from that program with him to Discovery, where he produced cutting-edge documentaries with Mr. Koppel on subjects ranging from the history of race relations in America to surviving cancer. Mr. LaMonica continued that work as an executive producer at Al Jazeera America.

The sum total of years spent away from his family in Russia and Iran and some of the most dangerous places on earth rewarded Mr. LaMonica with numerous National Emmys, several Dupont-Columbia and Peabody awards, the Overseas Press Club Edward R. Murrow Award, and the Global Health Council Excellence in Media Award. In 1987, he earned the Benton Fellowship in broadcast journalism from the University of Chicago. But what meant the world to Mr. LaMonica was that it can be said of him that he was a great father, the best grandfather, and, quite simply, a good man.

In addition to his journalistic endeavors, Mr. LaMonica continuously gave back to our community. His philanthropic efforts included his involvement with the Knights of Columbus, HOPE in Northern Virginia and the Zambia Orphans of AIDS, and the St. Peter Claver Society.

Mr. LaMonica died peacefully in his bed at home in Virginia on March 13, 2016, after battling cancer for nearly a year. He is survived by his wife, Teresa; her son; their three children; and four grandchildren, who still miss the man they called “Papa Jay.”

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the life of, and bidding farewell to Jay LaMonica. May he rest in peace, and his family be comforted.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I had to miss today's votes on July 28, 2017, because I had a pre-scheduled meeting and briefing at the United States Air Force Academy. Also, I cast the same votes when each of these bills was considered under suspension on 7/24/17.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 437, and YEA on Roll Call No. 438.

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